



## Town of Bernalillo plans around Rail Runner Stations



### **Residents asked to participate in planning efforts near Rail Runner stations**

(Bernalillo, NM – June 1st, 2007) - When Governor Bill Richardson dedicated the Sandoval County/U.S. 550 Rail Runner Station in Bernalillo last July, he proudly announced that “the future of transportation in NM has arrived.” Now, the residents of Bernalillo have the opportunity to help shape what that future will look like in the areas surrounding the Sandoval County Station and the recently opened Downtown Bernalillo Station.

“The Rail Runner is now poised to fully integrate commerce and community”, says Bernalillo Mayor Patricia A. Chávez. “In addition to providing a much-needed transportation alternative to our residents, the Rail Runner can also help boost our local business economy, provide housing options, and help us preserve Bernalillo’s rich history.”

“We’re looking closely at the areas within a quarter-to-half-mile – basically, walking distance – from both stations”, says Stephen Jerge, Bernalillo Town Manager. “It’s very important that residents attend one of these public workshops and participate in this effort, because the plans we make today, are going to shape the future of Bernalillo for generations to come.”

In an effort to embrace the unique development opportunities the Rail Runner presents, the Town of Bernalillo last year passed a moratorium on new development around each station. This reprieve set the framework for this planning effort and allows elected officials, staff, and the broader community to pause and explore what types of development will best utilize the strengths the Rail Runner brings to Bernalillo.

A multi-day workshop is also planned to bring together residents, elected officials, planners, architects, landscape designers, and others to create land use plans for the areas surrounding the stations. The public is encouraged to take part in this very important planning process aimed at examining how mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly development around each station can help enhance the existing character of historic Bernalillo.

### **Community Planning and Design Workshop**

June 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>

Our Lady of Sorrows Church Social Center  
301 Camino del Pueblo  
Bernalillo

The design workshop is open to the public between 9:00 and 5:00 every day.

Materials will be presented to the public on:

Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm  
Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm  
Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm - Draft Plan Review

*For questions about the project or information on how you can participate, please call the Town of Bernalillo at 867-3311 or visit the Town website. [www.townofbernalillo.org](http://www.townofbernalillo.org) or the Mid-Region Council of Governments at 724-3635.*